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**SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF
JIMMY HOFFA**

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8) Date 11/7/91

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: HOFFEX
(OO: DETROIT)

Re status report (most recent 8/22/91).

FOIPA Request

Final decision on said requests pending judges action.
Pending further action.

[REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] b7A
[REDACTED] Pending further action.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Audio Tape to Director, FBI b7C/b7D

[REDACTED] Awaiting [REDACTED] b7A
[REDACTED] Pending further action.

Cincinnati Division's Source of Information via Teletype, 8/23/91

Cincinnati Division developed a potential source regarding the HOFFA disappearance. Relevant information forwarded to Detroit. Detroit conducted a follow-up on such information. In conclusion, facts did not merit any further attention. Closed.

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In brief

FBI must help Hoffa's daughter

Jimmy Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Ann Crancer, won a battle Monday in her 4-year-old effort to see FBI files on his disappearance. A federal appeals court ruled the government must provide detailed information in the documents.

Crancer We do realize this is the first time in Hoffa's case that the government has agreed to provide the documents.



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Hoffa's daughter closer to seeing FBI files on dad's disappearance

By Lori Dodge Rose
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jimmy Hoffa's daughter is a little closer to seeing the FBI's voluminous files on her father's long-ago disappearance.

A federal appeals court in Missouri ruled this week that the government can be required to provide a detailed index of the documents related to the FBI's investigation of the disappearance of the former Teamsters Union boss from a Michigan restaurant.

An index is the first step to seeing specific documents.

The 2-1 ruling by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was good news for Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Ann Crancer of the St. Louis suburb of Ladue. Crancer has sought for nearly four years to gain access to the information under the Freedom of Information Act.

"We are elated at this victory," said Crancer, who is an administrative law judge in St. Louis. "At the same time, we certainly feel this is a very small victory in very long war."

Her father, the former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, was last seen in 1975 outside a restaurant in Southfield, Mich. The FBI's investigation into his disappearance has resulted in 68 volumes containing more than 13,800 pages of records.

At issue is whether Crancer can use the Freedom of Information Act to force the FBI to produce the files. Federal investigators have said they believe Hoffa was murdered. Crancer initially filed her request for records in 1978.

for the records in February 1987, but the government said disclosure would interfere with the FBI's investigation.

Last year, days before the 20th anniversary of Hoffa's disappearance, a federal judge ordered the Justice Department to provide Crancer with a detailed index in the Hoffa case. In its ruling Monday, the appeals court said that the lower court has the power to order the index and did not abuse its discretion in doing so.

The opinion was written by Senior Circuit Judge Floyd R. Gibson for Theodore McMillian. Circuit Judge Roger Wollman dissented, saying the government should be allowed to provide a generic category-by-category index because government confidentiality is at stake.

Hoffa built Detroit's Local 299, a tiny Teamsters unit, into a 15,000-member local, and became president of the international union.

In 1958, he was hauled before the U.S. Senate racketeering committee and accused of running a "hoodlum empire."

Nine years later, Hoffa was convicted of jury tampering and fraud involving the Teamsters' Central Pension Fund and received a five-year federal prison term. Under a sentence commutation, he received from President Nixon in 1971, Hoffa was barred from returning to office in the Teamsters until 1980.

When Hoffa vanished, he was contesting that provision in court. His son, Detroit attorney Jimmy P. Hoffa, said he thinks his father was killed because he was trying to force the Teamsters to unionize.

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TO FBI ATLANTA/ROUTINE/

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; RICO; OO: DETROIT.

FBI DETROIT RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]
(PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] ADVISED A FRIEND OF HIS, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], WHO RESIDES IN THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AREA, HAD
KNOWLEDGE SURROUNDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JIMMY HOFFA. [REDACTED]
AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED AND WILL ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN
FBI DETROIT AND [REDACTED] IN THE DETROIT AREA. DETROIT
WILL AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW PRIOR TO CONTACTING
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[ATLANTA AT [REDACTED] CONTACT [REDACTED] AND
ARRANGE FOR A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND LOCATION TO
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO HOFFA AS PURPORTED BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED]

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To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-DE-1155) (P) (C-8) Date 12/13/91

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: HOFFEX
(00: DETROIT)

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SSA [REDACTED], FBIHQ, Legal Counsel, Ext. [REDACTED] advised due to the recent court decision which would require the government to provide a detailed index of the documents related to the FBI's investigation of the disappearance of the former TEAMSTER'S UNION boss; FBIHQ is requesting DOJ to review the decision to determine how it wishes to proceed, i.e., appeal or accept the decision.

For Detroit, no immediate action required; no changes in the FOI/PA requests. FBIHQ will advise, if and when, changes will occur.

for
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To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-DE-1155) (P) (C-8) Date 12/13/91

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: HOFFEX
(00: DETROIT)

Re Detroit airtel to FBIHQ, dated 8/22/91.

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The facts established are as follows:

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Subsequently [REDACTED]

Investigation continuing.

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TO : SAC, MIAMI
FROM : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (C-8) (P)
SUBJECT : HOFFEX;
OO: DETROIT

Enclosed is a United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Grand Jury Subpoena (EDM 91-3-23-01) for [REDACTED]

LEAD

MIAMI

AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

Will serve enclosed subpoena upon [REDACTED]

2 - Miami (Enc.-1)
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On December 30th, 1991, [REDACTED] Subpoena
Compliance, [REDACTED]

b3-Rule 6(e) [REDACTED] accepted service of
b7C a subpoena Duces Tecum issued on December 13, 1991 by the U.S.
District Court, Eastern District of Michigan calling for
[REDACTED] pertaining to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that results of [REDACTED]
information will be forwarded directly to ERIC M. STRAUS, Federal Building
Building and U.S. Courthouse, 231 West Lafayette Street, Room 940,
Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Investigation on 12/30/91 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida File # 183A-DE-1155 -813

by IA [REDACTED] *b7C* Date dictated 12/30/91

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 2 FROM *WAG/tj* SAC, MIAMI (183A-DE-1155) (OC-1) (RUC)
 3 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;
 4 OO: DETROIT

5 Reference Detroit airtel to Miami dated 12/19/91.

6 Enclosed for Detroit are the following:

7 1- Original executed subpoena Duces Tecum.

8 2- Original and two (2) copies of an FD-302
 9 reflecting service of subpoena.

10 *b7c* [REDACTED] Subpoena Compliance [REDACTED] advised that
 11 records requested in the subpoena will be forwarded directly
 12 to AUSA ERIC M. STRAUS, Federal Bldg & U.S. Courthouse, 231 W.
 13 Lafayette Street. Room 940, Detroit, Michigan.

14 Miami investigation complete.

15 ② Detroit (encs. 4)
 16 1- Miami
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (9-60052)/ROUTINE/

FBI TAMPA (79-434)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3220//

PASS: FBIHQ, OC SECTION, LCN WEST, SSA [REDACTED]

TAMPA, C-5, OC SQUAD.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE TELCALLS BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED] FBIHQ, OC
 SECTION, AND SA [REDACTED], DETROIT, AND SA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED], TAMPA, ALSO WITH SA [REDACTED], BOTH ON JANUARY 17,
 1992.

BE ADVISED USA TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1992, AS
 WELL AS THE DETROIT NEWS, SAME DATE, PUBLISHED ARTICLES WHICH
 REPORTED MOB LAWYER FRANK RAGANO CLAIMS HE, RAGANO, CARRIED A

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MESSAGE FROM TEAMSTERS BOSS, JIMMY HOFFA, TO MAFIA GODFATHERS DEMANDING A "HIT" ON THE PRESIDENT (KENNEDY). THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, ADVISING THE RECEIVING OFFICES OF THE INFORMATION DETROIT HAS REGARDING RAGANO. RAGANO HAS SURFACED NUMEROUS TIMES IN DETROIT FILES, PARTICULARLY THE HOFFEX INVESTIGATION. RAGANO WAS AN ATTORNEY FOR HOFFA. AT THE TIME OF HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE, RAGANO WAS RETAINED BY HOFFA IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF A MOVIE CONTRACT WITH A CALIFORNIA MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER, CARTER DE HAVEN. FOLLOWING THE DISAPPEARANCE, RAGANO INITIALLY MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY. AS TIME PASSED, THE CONTACTS DIMINISHED. DURING THE CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION, RAGANO'S NAME SURFACED NUMEROUS TIMES. ADDITIONALLY, RAGANO WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI (FD-302 PREPARED). RAGANO DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE. FURTHERMORE, RAGANO DID NOT MAKE ANY MENTION OF KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION NOR ANY INFORMATION THAT SURFACED REGARDING RAGANO HAVE ANY MENTION OF KENNEDY'S DEATH. HOFFA'S DAUGHTER, BARBARA ANN CRANCER, A MISSOURI ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE COMMENTED IN THE ARTICLES ON

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RAGANO, HE "IS A DESPERATE AND VERY SICK MAN" TRYING TO SELL
"HIS BOOKS BY ATTACKING A DEAD PERSON." AN AIRTEL WILL BE
FORTHCOMING WITH ALL RELEVANT REPORTS CONCERNING RAGANO.
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Date 1/17/92

1 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-60052)
 2 (ATTN: OC SECTION, LCN WEST, SSA [REDACTED] b7C
 3 INFORMATION ONLY)

4 FROM : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (C-8) (P)

5 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;
 6 (OO: DETROIT)

7 Re telcalls between SSA [REDACTED] b7C, FBIHQ, OC
 8 SECTION, and SA [REDACTED] b7C, Detroit, and SA [REDACTED] b7C
 9 Tampa, also with SA [REDACTED] b7C, both on 1/17/92; and
 10 teletype to FBIHQ and Tampa, dated 1/17/92.

11 Enclosed are the following:

- 12 1. FD-302 of FRANK RAGANO, 11/12/76. b7C b7D
- 13 2. FD-302 of JOSEPHINE HOFFA, JIMMY HOFFA's wife,
14 12/19/75.
- 15 3. FD-302 of [REDACTED]
- 16 4. SA [REDACTED] memo to SAC, Detroit, dated 3/9/76,
17 regarding telephone calls at HOFFA's residence
18 following HOFFA's disappearance. RAGANO was a
19 frequent caller.

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5. Two teletypes from New York, 8/12/75 and 8/29/75, regarding nebulous source information concerning RAGANO.

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b7D 6. FD-302 of [REDACTED], 8/26/75.

7. St. Louis teletype to FBIHQ, 8/8/75, mentions RAGANO and the IBT in generalities.

8. Insert of interview of [REDACTED] 8/7/75. [REDACTED] introduced RAGANO to HOFFA.

9. Tampa airtel to Detroit, 8/22/75, regarding RAGANO's attitude with the FBI.

10. Two newspaper articles both dated 1/15/92, one from the DETROIT NEWS and the other from the USA TODAY.

The enclosures are being provided for informational purposes only to receiving offices, as per Detroit teletype to FBIHQ and Tampa, dated 1/17/92. Investigation continuing.

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Date: 11/16/76

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TO: SAC, DETROIT 79-359

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (79-434) (RUC)

HOFFEX

OO: DE

Re Newark airtel to Detroit, dated 8/13/76.

Enclosed for Detroit is the original and one
copy of an FD-302 regarding the interview of FRANK RAGANO
at Tampa, Florida.

Since no further investigation exists in the
Tampa Division, this matter is being placed in a RUC
status.

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11/15/76

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FRANK RAGANO, 1207 Druid Lane, Tampa, Florida, telephonically contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

b7C RAGANO advised that he has been a close personal friend of JIMMY HOFFA and has been acting as one of his attorneys for the past fourteen years. He advised that he was continually contacting HOFFA telephonically because of his close personal relationship with him. He advised that just prior to HOFFA's murder, he had been contracted by HOFFA to work with some movie producers on a film about HOFFA's life. Because of this film, he was contacting HOFFA more frequently than normal. He advised the murder of HOFFA voided this contract and even though he wanted to continue the movie, HOFFA's [REDACTED] to it.

RAGANO stated that when he heard of HOFFA's death, he immediately flew to HOFFA's home and stayed with his family. He advised that through his relationship with HOFFA, he had also become close to HOFFA's family and was accepted in HOFFA's home.

RAGANO stated that he had no specific information regarding HOFFA's death, only speculation. He felt that HOFFA's murder involved union politics and it was done by someone close to HOFFA. He stated that HOFFA was not the type of individual who would be overpowered by strangers without putting up a fight.

He related a story that several years ago HOFFA used to keep a sawed off baseball bat under the seat of his automobile. He was approached by some "young punks" and they obviously were planning to mug him. HOFFA pulled out the baseball bat from under the seat of the car and, according to RAGANO, used the bat on the would-be muggers.

Interviewed on 11/12/76 at Tampa, Florida File # Tampa 79-434-307
by SA [REDACTED] b7C /cmd Date dictated 11/15/76

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RAGANO stated that he was as anxious as the Federal Bureau of Investigation to see the murderers of HOFFA identified and brought to justice. He stated he does not have any solid information that would be of value to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but if he did hear anything of value he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DETROIT (79-359)(P)

DATE: 3/9/76

FROM :

b7c SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

HOFFEX
(OO: DETROIT)

Index: James R. Hoffa -
review of telephone
tapes

From 8/4/75, through 8/29/75, telephone number [REDACTED], the telephone at the JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, Lake Orion, Michigan, residence, was consensually monitored and calls tape recorded at the Oakland County Resident Agency. From 8/4/75 to 8/19/75, an additional telephone line, [REDACTED], was installed at the HOFFA, Lake Orion residence. This telephone was also monitored and calls tape recorded.

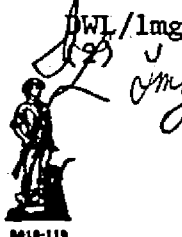
b7c Every call has been reviewed for any information of lead value. In addition to listening to the tapes, a synopsis was made which identified the particulars of the conversations and the nature of the call. This is in addition to the logs that were made at the time of the original call. A check of indices and file reviews after the tapes were reviewed revealed that a majority of the calls where information of value had been obtained, leads had been already set out and investigation conducted.

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Several individuals who may have knowledge concerning JAMES R. HOFFA's activities were callers to the Lake Orion residence, but indices checks revealed they may not have been interviewed or should be reinterviewed. These individuals include the following:

1. [REDACTED] was a frequent caller who [REDACTED] has identified as a [REDACTED] close family friend. He has never been interviewed.

2. FRANK RAGANO - RAGANO was a frequent caller and also visited the HOFFA, Lake Orion residence after the disappearance. Indices indicate he has never been



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interviewed. The Miami Division has indicated that RAGANO is a hoodlum attorney who has been hostile toward the FBI in the past, however, JOSEPHINE HOFFA, when interviewed in December, 1975, stated RAGANO had told her the FBI had not contacted him regarding the HOFFA disappearance. This may or may not be an indication that RAGANO would be receptive to providing information which he may or may not possess. There is informant information in the file which indicates RAGANO has numerous Organized Crime contacts and did make contact with these individuals subsequent to the disappearance.

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3. [REDACTED] (Last Name Unknown) (LNU) - [REDACTED] (LNU) [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] (phonetic) called on several occasions. [REDACTED] apparently is either a current or [REDACTED] and HOFFA family friend, and resides in either Tampa or Miami, Florida. Indices are negative regarding [REDACTED] or any variation thereof. [REDACTED] is to be interviewed in the near future regarding the [REDACTED] and at that time [REDACTED] identity will be obtained and leads to interview will be set out.

4. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] was a caller to the residence and from conversations it would sound as if [REDACTED] did have some knowledge regarding HOFFA's activity in the [REDACTED] also indicated [REDACTED] JAMES R. HOFFA regarding HOFFA's reentry into Union politics. Indices were negative regarding [REDACTED] and he should be interviewed.

5. [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, on 8/22/75, and stated he could provide no information whatsoever concerning the HOFFA disappearance; however, on 8/8/75, at 7:17 p.m., [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at the Lake Orion residence, telephone number [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he had anything new. [REDACTED] responded by saying [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] asked when he heard [REDACTED]

indicated it was
this, right after the disappearance, and that it was being checked out and a lot of people were real mad. [redacted] went on to say, who ever told him this, he figured it would be this way. [redacted] requested a way in which he could relay information without calling the HOFFA residence.

On 8/16/75, at 12:51 p.m., an individual who identified himself as [redacted] contacted [redacted] at 12:52 p.m., on [redacted] stated [redacted]

When asked how he knew that, [redacted] stated [redacted]

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b7D Serial Number 1176, a memo of SA [redacted] states that [redacted] H, a [redacted] in [redacted] is a close friend of [redacted] and according to sources of [redacted] has mob connections in [redacted] may be the source of [redacted] information. In either event, [redacted] should be reinterviewed and should be considered for an appearance before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ).

5. [redacted], a [redacted] official from [redacted] has been interviewed and has provided information concerning JAMES R. HOFFA's parole restriction being lifted, and has furnished information concerning [redacted] [redacted]'s contacts with the Department of Justice on the day of the disappearance concerning HOFFA's parole restriction being lifted; however, at 8:39 p.m., on 8/13/75, [redacted] contacted the HOFFA Lake Orion residence and advised [redacted] that he had just come into information concerning (FNU) [redacted], (FNU) [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] (phonetic) aka., FRANK FITZSIMMONS, [redacted] and [redacted]

[REDACTED] According to JAMES R. HOFFA was a person to be eliminated because he opposed such a scheme.

SA [REDACTED] C-8 Squad, has advised that he is investigating such a scheme and that ALAN DORFMAN may also be involved in this scheme. The file number for this case is DE 159-275, entitled "TRUSTEES OF LOCAL 299, SEVERENCE TRUST FUND, IBT".

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b7D 6. [REDACTED], an Associate Press International Reporter, on 8/7/75, at 4:14 p.m., contacted [REDACTED] on telephone number [REDACTED] and questioned [REDACTED] regarding the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that he heard that [REDACTED] had sold [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he did not know who owned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then asked whether or not [REDACTED] got his "note" out of the deal in recent weeks, and [REDACTED] stated he did not know anything about it. The most interesting part of this conversation was when [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] intrigues us with his relationship with PROVENZANO". If FBI investigation does not establish a connection between PROVENZANO [REDACTED] during the BCC phase of the investigation, it is recommended [REDACTED] be interviewed concerning this statement.

6. [REDACTED] - On 8/23/75 at 6:23 p.m., [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] at the Lake Orion residence and stated that a problem had developed concerning the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he wanted to talk to the Judge, as was the only one who knew the whole situation. [REDACTED]

who

then asked [REDACTED] where they were going to meet [REDACTED] stated that "I" have transferred [REDACTED] It is not known whether or not [REDACTED] had merely changed their scheduled meeting place, or by this statement indicates [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was also brought up during the conversation that [REDACTED] also owns an airplane type unknown. [REDACTED] is to be reinterviewed [REDACTED]

B.

b7C On 8/24/75, at 5:29 p.m., [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] at the Lake Orion residence, telephone number [REDACTED]. During this conversation, [REDACTED] stated that the way [REDACTED] disappeared after a scheduled meeting with TONY GIACALONE was similar to three or four other killings, whereby an individual would have an appointment with TONY GIACALONE; GIACALONE would fail to appear, and the individual would never be seen alive again. [REDACTED] should be interviewed concerning this statement to determine whether or not there is any truth to it. Similar like murders may prove valuable if this case ever goes to prosecution. //

C.

On 8/7/75, [REDACTED] contacted the Lake Orion residence and advised that he had received a letter from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. In this letter [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] the mate on a fishing boat named [REDACTED], had been approached by two individuals who asked when HOFFA was to go fishing again. [REDACTED] was interviewed and did not recall making this statement; however, Captain [REDACTED] specifically recalled [REDACTED] making this statement and even recalled [REDACTED] pointing out the men to him. Considerations should be given to having [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] view

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photographs of suspects developed in this case to see if an identification could be made.

D.

The toll records for the telephone number [REDACTED] have not been obtained and placed in the computer. SA [REDACTED], has been made aware of this and the toll records are being obtained.

On 8/20/75, at 11:56 a.m., [REDACTED] from [REDACTED], contacted [REDACTED] regarding the telephone number for [REDACTED] gave the following numbers for [REDACTED]

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An indices check revealed [REDACTED] has not yet been identified for entry in the computer. A lead has been set out to identify this number for placement in the computer.

Telephone number [REDACTED] is the number for [REDACTED] who resides in the Miami Division. This number appeared on the HOFFA toll records prior to the disappearance and when interviewed, [REDACTED] denied knowing HOFFA. [REDACTED] may be a contact for [REDACTED] and this information has been furnished to the Miami Division for the purpose of reinterviewing [REDACTED]

HOFFA had the following telephone numbers listed for the [REDACTED]

The telephone number [REDACTED] has not yet been identified. This number should be identified for placement in the computer. [REDACTED]

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On two occasions people were called after a message was left for a member of the HOFFA family to call.

[redacted] called [redacted], telephone number [redacted] stated he had information but would not give it over the telephone. [redacted] is presently living in Florida but was originally from Detroit, Michigan, and active in the early Teamster movement, and was an associate of JAMES R. HOFFA. [redacted] stated he had tried to contact JAMES R. HOFFA prior to the disappearance concerning a matter of some urgency. [redacted] seemed slightly incoherent concerning his statement. Indices were negative and [redacted] should possibly be interviewed for any information he may have.

On 8/17/75, at 11:38 p.m., [redacted] returned a telephone call to [redacted], telephone number [redacted] sounded intoxicated and somewhat incoherent. During the conversation, it seemed that [redacted] did have knowledge of the HOFFA family and referred to JAMES R. HOFFA as JAMES. It is possible ~~at one time~~ [redacted] was associated with HOFFA at some time in the past. During the conversation, she stated that she had received information that [redacted] (phonetic), from [redacted] and his brother, [redacted], were responsible for HOFFA's disappearance. [redacted] indicated that he knew [redacted] Indices were negative on [redacted] and consideration should be given to interviewing her.

Messages were also left for [redacted] to call the following individuals at their respective numbers as these people had information. There is no indication that HOFFA ever called them from the Lake Orion residence and indices are negative on the names and telephone numbers:

[redacted] (phonetic)

[redacted] (phonetic)

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There were numerous other telephone calls between [REDACTED] of the BCC and members of the HOFFA family at the Lake Orion residence. [REDACTED] has been interviewed and seems cooperative. Inasmuch as a separate phase is being conducted concerning the coal companies, specific investigation regarding these telephone calls is no longer required.

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3:55 PM URGENT 8/29/75 PLS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND

SAC, DETROIT

FROM: SAC NEW YORK (9-6954) (21) (137-3574) (51)

UNSUBS; [REDACTED]: LOUIS CLARK LUTHEAU - VICTIMS:
EXTORTION.

JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA: MISSING PERSON.

FORMER [REDACTED] ADVISED ON AUGUST 12, 1975, THAT HE
CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE HOFFA FAMILY. HE STATED
THAT THE HOFFA FAMILY APPEARS TO BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM ALL
HOODLUM ASSOCIATES OF JAMES HOFFA, SR., ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE
ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN AN EFFORT TO
DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE.

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, JAMES HOFFA, JR. HAS CONTACTED THE
TAMPA, FLORIDA ATTORNEY, FRANK RABANO, WHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH SANTO TRAFFICANTE AND CARLOS MARCELLA. RABANO REPORTED
BACK TO JAMES HOFFA, JR. THAT BOTH MARCELLA AND TRAFFICANTE WERE
UNAVAILABLE AND COULD NOT BE CONTACTED. ADDITIONALLY, RABANO
ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED], A LABOR FIXER IN NEW YORK FOR
[REDACTED], AND WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO
HELP HIM.

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THE HOFFA FAMILY ALSO CONTACTED FORMER CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JAMES HOFFA, SR., [REDACTED] IN CHICAGO BUT [REDACTED] ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THEM.

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b7D [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT HE SAW FRANK FITZSIMMONS IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 5, 1975, AT WHICH TIME FITZSIMMONS SPOKE TO HIM THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES HOFFA. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT ALTHOUGH FITZSIMMONS IS NOT UNHAPPY ABOUT HOFFA BEING MISSING AND POSSIBLY DEAD THAT HE DOESSED

THE COURAGE TO ACTUALLY BE INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING OR MURDER OF HOFFA. THE SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH MANY ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES WERE VERY CLOSE TO HOFFA IN THE PAST THAT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY HAD BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE TRANSISTERS SINCE HOFFA'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AND THAT FRANK FITZSIMMONS IS NOW ACTUALLY OWNED "LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL" BY ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES.

THE SOURCE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO SUSPECTS AS TO THE INDIVIDUALS OR "HIT MEN" ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE, HE HAS HEARD SOME DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AN ARSONIST, WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN ARRESTED IN MICHIGAN, FOR FIREBOMBING A HOME.

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THE SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO RETURN TO DETROIT, HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ACTIVITY OF IMPORTANCE TRANSPIRES THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT HE COULD BE OF USE TO THE BUREAU OR THE HOFFA FAMILY THAT HE WILL IMMEDIATELY FLY TO DETROIT.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

END.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/28/75

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[REDACTED], advised as follows:

Several months ago, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] came to him with the idea of doing a film about JIMMY HOFFA. [REDACTED] felt that a successful, major motion picture could be developed based on HOFFA's life and he and [REDACTED] decided to make an appointment to meet with HOFFA to discuss this idea. They subsequently contacted Mr. HOFFA's attorney, FRANK RAGANO, and through Mr. RAGANO arranged to meet with HOFFA on March 3, 1975, at Mr. HOFFA's residence in Miami. Their meeting with HOFFA lasted about one hour. Mrs. HOFFA and Mr. RAGANO also were present at this meeting.

b7C [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] presented their idea to
b7D HOFFA and obtained an option from HOFFA to develop a script and to attempt to obtain necessary studio backing for the film. [REDACTED] asked if HOFFA could obtain financial backing for the film from the Teamsters Union. HOFFA said no and recommended that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] either raise the money independently or obtain financial backing from a major motion picture studio.

[REDACTED] said HOFFA seemed to be receptive to their idea, and he and [REDACTED] were optimistic that a final agreement could be reached with him. HOFFA's only demands were that he have final script approval and that the film be produced by a major motion picture company.

Mr. RAGANO assured [REDACTED] that if the project reached the production stage that Mr. HOFFA would personally come to Hollywood for publicity purposes and would lend his support and cooperation with the film.

[REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] were the only individuals involved in this project, and while he and [REDACTED] have talked about the project, they have conducted no research, have not started a script and have spent no money on the project. Because of Mr. HOFFA's disappearance, the

Interviewed on 8/26/75 at Burbank, California File # Los Angeles 9-5682

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by SA [REDACTED] /jah Date dictated 8/27/75

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project is now at a standstill.

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b7D [[REDACTED] said neither he nor [REDACTED] have
spoken with or have seen HOFFA since their March 1975
meeting. [REDACTED] said he knows none of HOFFA's
associates and could furnish no information concerning
HOFFA's disappearance.

[REDACTED] said that he has been interviewed
by the news media concerning his plans to make the film
about HOFFA and [REDACTED] assumes the news media may have
some continuing interest in this project only because
of its association with the Hollywood scene.

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5:20PM URGENT 8/8/75 MSM

TO DIRECTOR

DETROIT (79-359)

KANSAS CITY

LAS VEGAS

FROM ST. LOUIS (9-2504) (P)

HOFFEX, OO: DETROIT.

REFERENCED SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE, AUGUST 7, 1975, AND DETROIT TELETYPE, AUGUST 8, 1975, RE INVESTIGATION AT TAN-TAR-A RESORT AND MORRIS A. SHENKER.

A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL WAS MADE FROM HOFFA'S RESIDENCE TELEPHONE TO 702-734-4110 ON JULY 30, 1975, AT 12:15 A.M., EDT, WHICH LASTED FIFTEEN MINUTES. THIS IS THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH SHENKER LEFT AS A CONTACT POINT, AND IS NOW KNOWN TO BE THE MAIN SWITCHBOARD AT THE DUNES HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA WHICH IS OWNED BY SHENKER.

ON AUGUST 6, 1975, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN THE PAST HE HAS KNOWN TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD DEALINGS WITH THE IBT. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE ASSOCIATES IN THE ORGANIZED CRIME ELEMENT. THEY ARE [REDACTED], AN ATTORNEY IN ST. LOUIS, AND FRANK RAGANO, AN ATTORNEY IN MIAMI.

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ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT MORRIS SHENKER AT HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NEGATIVE THIS DATE.

[REDACTED], ASSOCIATE OF MR. SHENKER, ADVISED THAT MR. SHENKER IS NOT IN ST. LOUIS AND THAT HE HAS NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN MR. SHENKER WILL RETURN. HE ADVISED THAT MR. SHENKER CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE DUNES HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

INFORMATION FROM APPOINTMENT BOOK MAINTAINED BY JAMES RIDDLE

HOFFA:

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b7D ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED] WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CONCERNING APPOINTMENT FOR INTERVIEW. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO AORR AND THAT SHE REQUESTED THAT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NOT CONTACT HER AT THE UNION OFFICE. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WOULD AILLINGLY COOPERATE IN INTERVIEW AND THAT SHE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW LATE P.M. THIS DATE OR EARLY A.M., AUGUST 9, 1975.

LEADS. LAS VEGAS DIVISION, AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: 1. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MORRIS A. SHENKER, ATTORNEY, REGARDING HIS AEOCIATION AND CONTACTS WITH HOFFA AND ANY INFORMATION HE CAN FURNISH REGARDING HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE 2. DETERMINE HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE, IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS, WHO ALONG WITH SHENKER, WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH HOFFA ON JULY 28-30, 1975, OR AAGUST 23, 1975, AND THE REASON OR PURPOSE FOR THESE PROPOSED

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MEETINGS.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION, AT OVERLAND, MISSOURI: WILL INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] REGARDING ENTRIES IN JAMES HOFFA'S APPOINTMENT BOOK.

END

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at Tampa, Florida:

On August 7, 1975, [redacted] advised that during late 1950 and early 1960, he was a [redacted] area and as a result became associated with JAMES RIDDLE (JIMMY) HOFFA. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, [redacted] was a [redacted]

57C In 1972, [redacted], due to physical reasons, terminated his employment with the [redacted] and now considers himself fully retired. In this regard, he stated that he also 57D retired approximately 15 years ago from the [redacted], after 25 years service.

While associated, as set forth above, to the [redacted] [redacted] claimed to know JIMMY HOFFA well, socially as well as professionally, and as a result did associate with HOFFA at his residence in Florida as well as meeting with him professionally at Tampa. Also, [redacted] and his wife both know "JO" HOFFA, JIMMY's wife, and relate that during 1970, while JIMMY was in prison, "JO" attended the dedication of the Teamsters' Union Hall at Bradenton, Florida and thereafter she visited at the [redacted] Tampa residence. [redacted] stated he last had personal contact with JIMMY HOFFA during 1972, when HOFFA made an appearance at Tampa after the trial of local Attorney FRANK RAGANO, at which trial HOFFA was believed to have been a witness. In this regard, [redacted] related that many years ago he initially introduced RAGANO to HOFFA, and he believed that RAGANO on occasions has represented HOFFA in legal matters.

[redacted] emphatically stated that he has had no contact whatsoever with anyone from the HOFFA family since approximately 1972, with the exception of a Christmas card which was received during December, 1974, which was reportedly signed "JO and JIMMY." Further, JIMMY HOFFA has never been at the [redacted] residence, and [redacted] stated he would be "shocked" if HOFFA ever would appear at his residence. [redacted] stated it was absolutely absurd to think that JIMMY HOFFA was at his residence at the present time, or at anytime in the recent past.

[redacted] denied any personal knowledge regarding the disappearance of JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, other than what he

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has read in the media. [REDACTED] displayed a very cooperative attitude and he wished he could be of more assistance in this matter.

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Airtel

TO: SAC, DETROIT (79-359)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (79-434) (P)
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(OO:DE)

Re Detroit telephone call to Tampa, 8/19/75.

Enclosed for Detroit is one (1) copy insert re investigation conducted at Tampa.

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For information Detroit, Tampa, Florida telephone numbers 813-877-5833 and 813-876-3086 have been determined to be the subscribed residence and business telephone numbers of Attorney FRANK RAGANO. RAGANO, in the past, has been known to represent SANTO TRAFFICANTE and other organized crime figures in the area. Also, RAGANO has reportedly represented JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA in legal matters in Tampa. RAGANO also, when contacted in the past, has displayed hostility and an apparent uncooperative attitude, and in this regard no contact with RAGANO is anticipated re instant matter.

Regarding [REDACTED], St. Petersburg, Florida, telephone number [REDACTED], on 8/20/75, subpoena was issued by U. S. Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Tampa, as directed subpoena to a representative of the General Telephone Company to produce telephone toll records re above telephone number. Toll records to be produced are from period 5/15/75 to present; however, have not been received to date. In this regard, same will be immediately forwarded Detroit when available.

It should be noted by Detroit, enclosed insert concerns interview of [REDACTED] retired [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Tampa area. [REDACTED] was interviewed in view information received (5th hand) from an official of the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement (FDCLE), Tallahassee, Florida, alleging that JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA was at the [REDACTED] Tampa residence. It is noted the FDCLE official, for unknown reasons, would not disclose the initial source of above allegation.

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TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Investigation continuing.

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Hoffa ordered hit on JFK, accuser says

■ **Lacks credibility:** Teamster chief's daughter calls story 'work of a sick and desperate mind.'

By Richard Willing
NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Accusations that Jimmy Hoffa ordered the murder of President John F. Kennedy is the "work of a sick and desperate mind," the daughter of the former Teamsters leader said.

Barbara Hoffa Cranco, a federal administrative law judge in St. Louis, said Tuesday's story in the New York Post "has every appearance of coming from someone who's desperate for money."

"With the focus on the assassination (through the current movie JFK), it seems to especially lack credibility," said Cranco, who knew the accuser, lawyer Frank Ragano, as one of her father's business associates.

In an interview in Tuesday's Post, prize-winning investigative reporter Jack Newfield quotes Ragano as saying he carried messages between



Hoffa Accused of hiring mob

Hoffa and two Southern mob leaders in a plot to kill Kennedy.

Hoffa's former lawyer said Hoffa instructed him, in early 1963, to tell Florida Mafia leader Santos Trafficante and New Orleans boss Carlos Marcello that "they had to kill the president."

Ragano, also Trafficante's attorney, said he passed the message. After the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination in Dallas, Ragano quoted Trafficante as saying: "The SOB is dead. Our problems are over. I hope that Jimmy is happy now ... we're out of trouble now. We will build hotels again. We'll get back into Cuba now. Jimmy owes me and he owes me big."

Hoffa, who disappeared from a Bloomfield Township restaurant parking lot in 1975, and has not been seen since, has long been an object of speculation in the Kennedy assassination. At the time of Kennedy's murder, Hoffa faced federal jury tampering charges brought by the Justice Department, then headed by the President's brother Robert F. Kennedy.

In an interview with Reuter, Newfield said of Ragano: "I think he is credible and what people have been waiting for — someone who has had

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an attack of conscience and wants to tell the truth in his old age.

Ragano, who said he was never questioned by the Select House Committee on Assassinations, said he was willing to tell his story again to Congress under oath, the Post said. Newfield said Ragano, 68, of Tampa, would be making another statement soon.

Ragano did not return a call to his office.

Barbara Hoffa Crancer described Ragano as a "hanger-on" who was "always looking to my dad to get him jobs." Several years ago, she said, he

attempted to raise money from old Hoffa friends and acquaintances for a movie based on Hoffa's life.

It's suspicious, Crancer said. Ragano said nothing then about a possible Kennedy connection.

"You'd think if he knew the story then, he would have used it to raise money," she accused Ragano of trying to take advantage of publicity generated by Oliver Stone's movie, *JFK*.

Trafficante is dead and Marcello, now in his 80s, reportedly suffers from Alzheimer's disease. His whereabouts are unknown.

Ragano told the Post Hoffa's and

Trafficante's deaths absolved him of the requirement to maintain confidentiality.

Last year, Ragano represented former Detroiters Charles "Chuckie" O'Brien, Hoffa's self-styled "stepson," in O'Brien's unsuccessful challenge to a government order expelling him from the Teamsters.

At the time, O'Brien called Ragano a "good lawyer who is taking this out of the goodness of his heart."

O'Brien was suspected — but never charged — in Hoffa's abduction.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Mob lawyer's claim fuels JFK controversy

By Bruce Frankel
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Conspiracy buffs and those skeptical about the official explanations of President Kennedy's assassination received a boost Tuesday from two sources.

► Mob lawyer Frank Ragano became the first person to claim a role in the killing. He told the *New York Post* he carried a message from Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa to Mafia godfathers demanding a "hit" on the president.

► Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, said he will introduce legislation to open sealed Kennedy assassination



HOFFA
UPI (1968 photo)

records when the House reconvenes later this month.

Already, the movie *JFK* is reigniting the public's longstanding obsession with the assassination and is likely to further undermine acceptance of Warren Commission findings that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

Nearly 75% of those questioned in a new *Time*/CNN poll of 1,500 adults believe the truth hasn't been told about the assassination. The poll had a margin of error of 2.6 percentage points.

The idea of a mob role isn't new. But, "he's what we've been waiting

for for the last 20 years — the older guy who's gotten an attack of conscience and who knows secrets," says Jack Newfield, who interviewed Ragano for the *Post*.

But Steven Brill, author of *Teamsters*, says Ragano "was a peripheral figure. ... Hoffa didn't order those guys to do anything. ... When he forgot he was their tool is when he got killed."

Ragano says he now believes he conveyed a fatal message from Hoffa in early 1963 to Florida mob boss Santos Trafficante and New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello.

The story supports the conclusion in 1979 of the House Select Committee on Assassinations that Marcello, Trafficante and Hoffa had the "motive, means and opportunity" to kill the

president. The panel never questioned Ragano.

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Mob lawyer's claim fuels JFK controversy

By Louis Frankel
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Conspiracy buffs and those who are skeptical about the common explanations of President John F. Kennedy's assassination received a boost today from two



UPI (1968 photo)

mob lawyer, Frank Hoffa, who became the first to claim a role in the killing. He told the New York Post that he received a message from Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa to Mafia godfathers to "pull off" on the president. Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Ann, 34, a Missouri administrative law judge, says that Hoffa had other motives.

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records when the House reopens later this month.

Already, the movie JFK is re-igniting the public's longstanding obsession with the assassination and is likely to further undermine acceptance of Warren Commission findings that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

Nearly 75% of those questioned in a new Time/CNN poll of 1,500 adults believe the truth hasn't been told about the assassination. The poll had a margin of error of 2.6 percentage points.

The idea of a mob role isn't new. But here's what we've been waiting

for for the last 20 years — the older guy, who's gotten an attack of conscience and who knows secrets," says Jack Newfield, who interviewed Ragano for the Post.

But Steven Brill, author of Teamsters, says Ragano "was a peripheral figure." Hoffa didn't order those guys to do anything. When he got he was their tool is when he got killed.

Ragano says he now believes he conveyed a fatal message from Hoffa in early 1963 to Florida mob boss Santos Trafficante and New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello.

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■ **Lacks credibility:** Teamster chief's daughter calls story work of a sick and desperate mind

By Richard Willing

NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Accusations that Jimmy Hoffa ordered the murder of President John F. Kennedy is the "work of a sick and desperate mind," the daughter of the former Teamsters leader said.

Barbara Hoffa Crancer, a federal administrative law judge in St. Louis,

said Hoffa accused Tuesday's story of hiring mob in the New York Post "has every appearance of coming from someone who's desperate for money."

"With the focus on the assassination (through the current movie JFK), it seems to especially lack credibility," said Crancer, who knew the accuser, lawyer Frank Ragano, as one of her father's business associates.

In an interview in Tuesday's Post, prize-winning investigative writer Jack Newfield said Hoffa carried



Hoffa and two Southern mob leaders in a plot to kill Kennedy.

Hoffa's former lawyer said Hoffa instructed him, in early 1963, to tell Florida Mafia leader Santos Trafficante and New Orleans boss Carlos Marcello that "they had to kill the president."

Ragano, also Trafficante's attorney, said he passed the message. After the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination in Dallas, Ragano quoted Trafficante as saying, "The SOB is dead. Our problems are over. I hope that Jimmy is happy now. We're out of trouble now. We will build hotels again. We'll get back into Cuba now. Jimmy owes me and he owes me big."

Hoffa, who disappeared from a Bloomfield Township restaurant parking lot in 1975, and has not been seen since, has long been an object of speculation in the Kennedy assassination. At the time of Kennedy's murder, Hoffa faced federal jury tampering charges brought by the Justice Department, then headed by the president's brother Robert F. Kennedy.

In an interview with Reuters, Newfield said of Ragano: "I think he is credible and what people have been

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an attack of conscience and wants to tell the truth in his old age.

Ragano, who said he was never questioned by the Select House Committee on Assassinations, said he was willing to tell his story again to Congress under oath, the Post said. Newfield said Ragano, 68, of Tampa, would be making another statement soon.

Ragano did not return a call to his office.

Barbara Hoffa Crancer described Ragano as a "hanger-on" who was "always looking to my dad to get him jobs." Several years ago, she said, he

attempted to raise money from old Hoffa friends and acquaintances for a movie based on Hoffa's life.

It's suspicious, Crancer said. Ragano said nothing then about a possible Kennedy connection.

"You'd think if he knew the story then, he would have used it to raise money." She accused Ragano of trying to take advantage of publicity generated by Oliver Stone's movie, *JFK*.

Trafficante is dead and Marcello, now in his 80s, reportedly suffers from Alzheimer's disease. His whereabouts are unknown.

Ragano told the Post Hoffa's and

Trafficante's deaths absolved him of the requirement to maintain confidentiality.

Last year, Ragano represented former Detroiters Charles "Chuckie" O'Brien, Hoffa's self-styled "stepson," in O'Brien's unsuccessful challenge to a government order expelling him from the Teamsters.

At the time, O'Brien called Ragano a "good lawyer who is taking this out of the goodness of his heart."

O'Brien was suspected — but never charged — in Hoffa's abduction.

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■ **The Teamsters:** By Steven Brill. Simon & Schuster, 1978.

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■ **The Strange Disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa:** By Charles Ashman and Rebecca Sobel. Manor Books, 1976.

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THE CONVERSATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. AUSA MARCH'S
CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] NOT A RECENT CONVERSATION, IN
FACT, IT TOOK PLACE OVER FIVE YEARS AGO AND IT WAS AS RESULT
OF [REDACTED] BEFORE THE GRAND JURY; B. [REDACTED] DID NOT
HAVE A CONVERSATION [REDACTED] REGARDING HOFFA'S
DISAPPEARANCE. [REDACTED] WOULD TELL RAGANO AND
RAGANO WOULD, IN TURN, RELAY THE FACTS TO [REDACTED]

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b7c A REVIEW OF THE GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPT REVEALS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

IN CONCLUSION, DETROIT RECOMMENDS [REDACTED] BE
INTERVIEWED BY DETROIT AGENTS IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE:

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1. EXACTLY WHAT RAGANO TOLD [REDACTED] DESCRIBES
THE MURDER OF HOFFA [REDACTED] / DID RAGANO
DESCRIBE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OR DID [REDACTED]

2. WHAT PROCESS DID [REDACTED] IN THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (DOES HE HAVE INTERVIEW NOTES OF HIS
CONVERSATIONS WITH RAGANO).

UPON COMPLETION OF THE INTERVIEW, FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF
THE ENTIRE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE MADE AND A DECISION WILL BE
MADE AS TO IF, WHEN AND HOW RAGANO [REDACTED] SHOULD BE
APPROACHED.

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PASS: SSA [REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SQUAD, BOSTON DIVISION;

SSA [REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, LABOR

RACKETEERING UNIT, FBIHQ.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED] BOSTON, AND SA

[REDACTED] DETROIT, ON APRIL 27, 1992.

SAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF FBI DETROIT

WILL TRAVEL VIA BUPLANE TO BOSTON DIVISION, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 1992. THE FOLLOWING

DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1992, THE AGENTS WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] b7C b7D

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b7C [REDACTED] TELEPHONE
b7D [REDACTED] NUMBER [REDACTED] REGARDING CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION.

SACS DETROIT AND BOSTON CONCUR WITH TRAVEL.

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CITE: //3220//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED], ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, LABOR
RACKETEERING UNIT. *b7C*

SUBJECT: HOPPEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO FBIHQ DATED APRIL 15, 1992, AND
SSA [REDACTED] FAX TO SSA [REDACTED] DATED FEBRUARY 28,
1992. *b7C*

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED ON MAY 4, 1992, BY DETROIT SPECIAL AGENTS.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] TALKED WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS WELL AS HAVING MET WITH FRANK RAGANO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED HE HAD ALSO SPENT NUMEROUS HOURS IN
RESEARCHING PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED MATERIAL REGARDING HOFFA.

[REDACTED] WAS ADAMANT THAT THE FACTS REGARDING THE DEATH
OF HOFFA WAS TOLD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS INCONSISTENT ON NUMEROUS ISSUES REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OFTEN CONTRADICTING HIMSELF AS TO WHAT WAS

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CONTAINED IN [REDACTED] AND AS THE INTERVIEW PROGRESSED [REDACTED] WOULD AGAIN ALTER OR DEVIATE FROM A PREVIOUS REMARK. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, [REDACTED] WOULD ATTEMPT TO TURN THE QUESTION HE WAS ASKED INTO ANOTHER QUESTION, THEREBY, QUESTIONING THE AGENTS. [REDACTED] HAD A LOT OF MATERIAL COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. COUPLED WITH THE PASSAGE OF SEVERAL YEARS, THIS HAS RESULTED IN SOME CONFUSION AS TO THE SPECIFICS.

CONCLUDING, [REDACTED] UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY NEW INFORMATION OR ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE LEADS. HIS FACTS WERE DEVELOPED FROM [REDACTED] RAGANO AS WELL AS NUMEROUS AREAS OF RESEARCH. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

CONSIDERS [REDACTED] RAGANO AS DEPENDABLE, TRUSTWORTHY INDIVIDUALS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT DOES NOT APPEAR [REDACTED] IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION TO THE CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS HONORED AND PLEASED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI REGARDING [REDACTED] BECAUSE

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HE FELT THIS ENHANCED [REDACTED] HE
NOTED THE AGENTS NAMES AND ADVISED HE WOULD USE THE INTERVIEW
IN PRESENTING HIS ARGUMENTS IN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DETROIT WILL FURTHER ASSESS
THIS SEGMENT OF THE INVESTIGATION AND MAKE A DETERMINATION AS
TO THE NEXT PROGRESSION.

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (C-8) (P) ✓
 FROM : SAC, TAMPA (183A-DE-1155) (SQ.5) (RUC)
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;
 OO: TAMPA

Re DE Airtel to Director and Tampa 1/17/92.

As no investigation exists in the Tampa Division,
 this matter is being placed in a RUC status.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on November 5, 1990, at Silver Spring, Maryland: b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DETriot

FROM :

183A-DE-1155

SUBJECT:

SUBJECT : HOFFEX
(OO: DET)

(Title)

DATE: 6-6-92

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☐ RUC☒ File Destruction ProgramEnclosed are 3 items.

These items are forwarded your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

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Date 7/24/92

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/ (183-6421) (9-60052)

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PASS: HQ SSA [REDACTED] DC/DB SECTION 2 (INFO); HQ
SSA [REDACTED] MEDIA SECTION (INFO); BROOKLYN - QUEENS
MRA, A/SAC NORTH (ACTION).

b7C SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE TELCALLS ON JULY 24, 1992, BETWEEN SAS [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] WITH HQ AND ASAC A.T. RIGGIO, DETROIT AND ASAC
DON NORTH, BROOKLYN QUEEN MRA. BE ADVISED A 70 YEAR OLD EX-
CON DETAILS HIS VERSION OF HOFFA'S KILLING IN AN INTERVIEW
THAT AIRS ON "A CURRENT AFFAIR" TONIGHT, FRIDAY, JULY 24,
1992, AT 7:30 P.M., ON NATIONAL TELEVISION. THE UNSUB WHO
SPEAKS ON CAMERA, BUT IS NOT IDENTIFIED, STATES HE WAS ONE OF

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FOUR MEN WHO TOSSED JIMMY HOFFA OVERBOARD IN LAKE MICHIGAN IN THE CHICAGO AREA.

b7C [(PL) HAS BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH SA [REDACTED] FBI DETROIT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CAPTIONED MATTER. REPORTER STEVE DUNLEAVY, ALSO WITH A CURRENT AFFAIR, HAS BEEN QUOTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS ON THE STORY. THE UNSUB'S PHOTOGRAPH APPEARS IN THE NEW YORK POST, PAGE 14 ON FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1992, BUT IS NOT IDENTIFIED.

LEAD:

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

b7C [WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF A CURRENT AFFAIR, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING: A) THE IDENTITY OF THE UNSUB; B) ANY SPECIFICS OF THE CASE AS PURPORTED BY THE UNSUB WHICH WOULD LEAD EVIDENCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S STORY.

WILL INTERVIEW UNSUB OR SET OUT LEAD FOR INTERVIEW.

BT

Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8)

Date 7/28/92

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: HOFFEX

Re Computerized Telephone Number File (CTNF) and Field Office Information Management System (FOIMS).

Attached is the Director's airtel to All SACs, dated 1/29/92, stating the CTNF is being phased out.

Said airtel is being documented in captioned file because for the past several years the master list worked off of HOFFEX.

Examples of said filing are in Volume 217, serial 689.

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FROM: Director, FBI (242-74)

TO: All SACs
All LEGATS

[REDACTED] is being phased out. Effective immediately, all offices should use the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for all cases involving [REDACTED]. Any cases currently using [REDACTED] will be converted to [REDACTED], and any subsequent records pertaining to these cases should be processed through [REDACTED] will be discontinued on 2/15/92.

[REDACTED] can provide all of the reports produced by [REDACTED] plus numerous other reports such as the [REDACTED]

When leads are sent to other Divisions [REDACTED] those Divisions should be instructed to [REDACTED] not to forward it to FBIHQ.

All investigative personnel as well as Information Systems Administrators (ISA), Computer Specialists (CS), and Technical Information Specialists (TIS) should be made aware of this communication.

Any questions dealing with [REDACTED] should be directed to your ISA or CS. If additional assistance from FBIHQ is required, contact [REDACTED] FTS [REDACTED] or FTS [REDACTED]

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Ex-Convict Says He Helped Kill Jimmy Hoffa

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When the van reached Lake Michigan was transferred to a yacht which took his 3 accomplices to a location off:

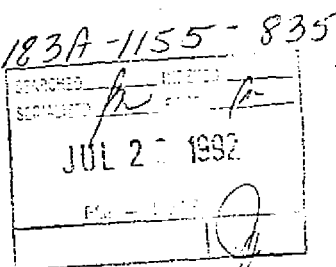
"When we anchored, Sal (1 of the 'Let's get on with it,'" the man said.

"And then he came in back and ordered [Hoffa] down, bare-skin naked. Under cast leg pegs...and they were then to the lower legs of Jimmy to be used as

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"And then he came in back and ordered us to strip the man [Hoffa] down, bare-skin naked. Under the seat were these cast leg pegs...and they were then taped with 2-inch tape to the lower legs of Jimmy to be used as weights."

The man says Hoffa's body was dropped over the side of the yacht while he was still alive but unconscious.

"When the bubbles stopped coming up, we upped the anchor, started the motor and went back..." The man says Hoffa tried

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to bribe his abductors with \$500,000 to call off the hit but was rejected. "He never begged for his life," the ex-con says, adding, "He was tough...[he] was a man."

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Laurendi is quoted as saying the man made no attempted deception in the course of taking the polygraph test.

"His answers were truthful," Laurendi says. "I don't want to believe him but I have to believe the polygraph results."

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Ex-con says he helped drown Hoffa

DETROIT NEWS STAFF

NEW YORK — A 70-year-old self-proclaimed hit man claims in a television interview to be aired today that he helped murder Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa in 1975.

The ex-convict, interviewed by *A Current Affair*, says he was one of four men who assassinated Hoffa.

The man, who says he is dying of emphysema and wants to set the record straight, claims three men kidnapped Hoffa from a Detroit area restaurant and delivered him to a junk yard outside Detroit.

Hoffa was then transferred to a van and driven to Chicago where he was drugged several times with a needle, the man says.

Arriving at the shores of Lake Michigan, Hoffa was transferred to a yacht where the alleged hit man and three other accomplices motored to another place near the shoreline, according to the report.

"When we anchored, Sal (a purported accomplice) said, 'Let's get on with it.' And then he came in the back and ordered us to strip the man down, bare skin naked. Under the seat were these cast leg pegs ... and they were then taped with two inch tape to the lower legs of Jimmy to be used as weights," the man says.

Hoffa reportedly was dropped over the side while he was still alive but unconscious.

"When the bubbles stopped coming up, we upped the anchor, started the motor and went back," says the man, who claims he received \$25,000 in cash from the accomplice named



Jimmy Hoffa's body may be on the bottom of Lake Michigan?

Sal for the deal.

The man said Hoffa tried to bribe them with half a million dollars to call the deal off, but when that was rejected, "he never begged for his life ... he was tough ... was a man."

The shows producers say the man has passed a lie detector test.

FBI agent John Anthony, the former public relations spokesman for the Detroit FBI office, said:

"We are not making any comment on the Hoffa case. We've been asked not to comment until the lawsuit filed by Hoffa's daughter is cleared up."

Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Ann Crancer, filed a Freedom of Information lawsuit against the FBI in 1989. Crancer, who is an administrative law judge in St. Louis, won a favorable ruling in March from the U.S.

Court of Appeals.

However, the U.S. Justice Department continues to fight the court order to release 68 volumes of FBI documents containing more than 13,800 pages.

Hoffa's body has never been found and no one has ever been arrested in the case.

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Janet Jackson gets threats in her mail

A man already accused of stalking Janet Jackson was charged Wednesday with sending letters containing death threats against the pop singer, her brother Michael Jackson and President George Bush. Frank Paul Jones, 33, who is alleged to have told authorities he considers himself Jackson's husband, was charged in a one-count federal indictment, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Jessner said. He was jailed after being arrested June 22 in the driveway of the gated Jackson family compound in the Los Angeles suburb of Encino.

NEW HOFFA RUMOR SURFACES: A 70-year-old ex-convict claims in a television interview that he was one of four hit men who drowned Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa in Lake Michigan in 1975. In a tape made for broadcast tonight on the syndicated TV show "A Current Affair" (7:30, Channel 2 in Detroit), the man says he has come forward because he is dying of emphysema and wants to "set the record straight." Hoffa "never begged for his life," the man says.



Jackson:
Stalked



Rollins:
Rehired

"He was tough." The Detroit FBI office said it could not comment on the purported confession because of a pending Freedom of Information suit brought against the bureau by Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Crancer. However, an investigator familiar with details of the disappearance said the ex-convict's claim "is a new one to me. I've never heard that story before."

GET OUT OF BED, get a hammer and a nail and learn how to use your hands. ... The Indigo Girls sang it, but Free Press house maintenance columnist Lon Grossman is hoping the words ring true. "Lon Grossman

"Around the House" will be a regular segment on Channel 2's new "Eyewitness Weekend" program, which premieres Aug. 1 at 8 a.m. Grossman will offer tips on home maintenance and repair for novice and experienced home owners alike. "I'm going to do it real simple and easy and highlight a bunch of new products," Grossman says. Unlike Bob Vila's new show or PBS's "This Old House," Grossman says, his segments will provide simple solutions to common household repair problems and should be of interest to everyone — not just the yuppie renovating set. "I'm trying to do my segment in a funny way. Nothing should be so serious that we can't have a little bit of fun and teach you something." Segments already recorded range from fixing a garden hose to cleaning skylights. "This is great stuff," Grossman says.

LIFE AFTER PEROT: Ed Rollins, who quit last week as campaign manager for Ross Perot, will return to "CBS This Morning" as a political commentator, resuming his analysis with Bob Beckel and Fred Barnes.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155)

Date 7/28/92

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: "HOFFEX"
(OO: DETROIT)

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Re Detroit teletype to Director, dated 5/6/92,
regarding the interview of [REDACTED]

The aforementioned teletype outlines the interview of
[REDACTED] Attached are the additional papers [REDACTED] turned over
to the FBI:

1. Miscellaneous notes and papers prepared and
obtained by [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

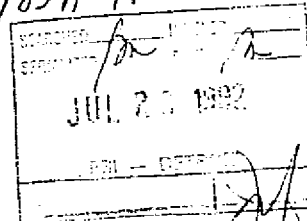
3. [REDACTED]

Additionally, Federal Grand Jury testimony of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] turned over
to reporting Agent by AUSA KEITH CORBETT, Eastern District of
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